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Dear Mandle:

I was very sorry indeed to learn that you had dropped the problem of recombination in *tumefaciens*. At this distance, it seems a mistake to have done so, but I can well appreciate the pressures under which you must be working. I hope that you will be able to take the problem up again as soon as possible, and that you will drop me a line as to how you are getting along.

Unfortunately, we have not been planning to attend the Baltimore meeting of the S. A. B., so that we shall miss this opportunity to see you.

With sincere best wishes,

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg